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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FON SEC CALLAGHAN FROM THE SECRETARY

THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
TO FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN FROM THE SECRETARY:

QUOTE

DEAR JIM:

THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME A FULL REPORT OF YOUR CONVERSATION  
WITH MARIO SOARES ON MAY 2. I FOUND IT MOST INTERESTING AND  
INFORMATIVE. IT COINCIDES WITH WHAT SOARES TOLD OUR AMBASSADO  
IN BONN ON MAY 3, AND I AM INSTRUCTING OUR EMBASSY IN LONDON  
TO BRIEF THE FCO ON THIS MEETING. I SHOULD ADD THAT I DID  
INSTRUCT OUR AMBASSADOR TO URGE SOARES TO KEEP IN TOUCH  
WITH OUR PEOPLE IN LISBON.

MY ASSESSMENT IS THE SAME AS YOURS -- THAT THE SITUATION IN  
PORTUGAL IS STILL CONFUSED AND THE INTENTIONS OF SPINOLA  
UNCLEAR. HOWEVER, THERE SHOULD BE A DEGREE OF CLARIFICA-  
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TION WHEN THE PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT, PRESUMABLY INOLA,

IS DESIGNATED AND HE IN TURN DESIGNATES A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. THAT SHOULD COME WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS OR SO. IF SOARES IS APPOINTED TO THAT GOVERNMENT, WE SHALL THEN HAVE CONFIRMATION OF THE ROLE HE IS TO PLAY.

WHAT YOU TOLD SOARES ABOUT MY PLANS IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO ARRANGE TO SEE HIM IN WASHINGTON. I SHALL, OF COURSE, BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SHORTLY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A STOP IN LONDON ON MY RETURN. SINCE MY TIME IN LONDON WILL BE SHORT, I AM SOMEWHAT DOUBTFUL ABOUT BEING ABLE TO SEE SOARES AT THAT TIME. BUT I DO WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL MESSAGE ON THE PORTUGUESE SITUATION. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE. RUSH

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